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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this case.

Microsoft has the capability to terminate any other competing company in the PC industry by integrating features into their own operating system. It is possible that, if Microsoft integrated not just the web browser, but a photo editor, a drawing package, the word processor and office suite, and so on, that a whole handful of large software companies that currently provide these tools would cease to exist overnight. This has been and continues to be the policy of Microsoft (i.e. Netscape and/or Java). Much of this has come to light in the trial.

The resolution seems to be a good first step. However, in five years, the entire enforcement expires. Microsoft has enough cash that it can wait five years and develop strategies in the background during that time. When this judgement expires, the same behavior will reappear, in an even more vigorous and prepared form. I am sorely disappointed in the limited term of this judgement.

Please consider extending the duration of enforcement for this judgement.

Sincerely,

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